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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) TOUR  
VISIT TO BERLIN

1. AT MARCH 20 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (KASTRUP) INFORMED ALLIED REPS THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD JUST RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUNDESTAG CONCERNING A GROUP OF 25-30 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO WILL BE VISITING THE FRG UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NAA. THE PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE NAA AND WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN WHAT IS OFFICIALLY TITLED "NAA MILITARY TOUR OF CENTRAL EUROPE." THE GROUP WILL BE IN THE FRG JUNE 16-26 AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WEST BERLIN FOR TWO DAYS DURING THAT TIME. THE BUNDESTAG HAS ASKED THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO SEEK ALLIED VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE WEST BERLIN VISIT ON AN URGENT BASIS SINCE THE TOUR SCHEDULE IS TO BE FINALIZED VERY SOON.

2. ALLIED REPS RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD  
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HAVE TO SEEK VIEWS OF CAPITALS. US REP, CITING PAST

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NATO DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) VISIT TO BERLIN (SEE STATE 169611, AUGUST 3, 1974) WHICH NEVER MATERIALIZED, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IN VIEW OF NATURE OF GROUP AND TITLE OF TRIP, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE IN BERLIN UNDER ALLIED AUSPICES. HE NOTED THAT WE OFTEN ASK NATO MEMBERS' SUPPORT ON BERLIN ISSUES AND VISIT COULD THEREFORE SERVE USEFUL FAMILIARIZATION PURPOSE. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE "RATHER NEGATIVE" ON VISIT AND EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT THE NAA DIFFERS FROM THE DRC IN THAT IT IS A POLITICAL BODY NOT UNDER CONTROL OF MILITARY.

3. IN LATER BILATERAL, BOISSIEU TOLD US THAT, WHILE FRENCH PARLIAMENTARIANS DO PARTICIPATE IN NAA ACTIVITIES, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT "RECOGNIZE" THE NAA. THEREFORE, THE FRENCH, WHO ARE IN THE CHAIR IN BERLIN IN JUNE, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO INVITE THE TOUR GROUP, BUT WOULD NOT OBJECT IF WE OR THE UK DID SO. COMMENT: UNLESS DEPARTMENT SEES OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD INDICATE A WILLINGNESS TO INVITE THE GROUP. THIS APPEARS TO BE A GOOD OCCASION ON WHICH TO RECIPROCATATE FOR PAST SUPPORT ON BERLIN IN NATO AND POSSIBLY HELP ASSURE SUPPORT FOR THE FUTURE. REQUEST GUIDANCE.  
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